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FOR: Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Department with any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

General Services

Keeping Up With Fleet Management

- This week, Chart Industries, the contractor for Fleet's LNG (Liquid Natural Gas) station is performing the final work and inspections on a 15,000 gallon addition to the current station. Operational testing and training are scheduled for next week. The capacity addition represents the City's ongoing investment in alternate fuel infrastructure. The total capacity of the station will be 27,000 gallons, supporting the conversion of the entire fleet of approximately 130 refuse trucks by 2010.

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROJECTS

Supervisors Academy

- On Wednesday, January 10th, twenty-four Supervisors representing 11 City departments launched the sixth Supervisor Academy. These 48-hour courses are based upon the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) curriculum entitled "Effective Supervisory Skill Building" and help first-line and mid-level supervisors develop crucial supervisory skills.

WEEKLY NEWS

KEY RESULT AREA: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Airports

- On January 8, Airports released the second edition of the Bi-Monthly Airports Employee Newsletter. The recent Employee Satisfaction Action Plan, developed by Airports, suggested a bi-monthly newsletter as a means for ongoing communication throughout the department. The newsletter will be a supplement to personally meeting with the Airports Director, other management team members, and to the Airports "All Hands" quarterly events.

Personnel

Continuing Education

- On Tuesday, January 9th, the third in a series of Continuing Education Information Sessions was held at the Municipal Service Center. Representatives from Fresno Adult School and Clovis Education Center were on hand to distribute materials and speak with City employees about GED testing, GED test preparatory classes and High School diploma opportunities available.

KEY RESULT AREA: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Economic Development

Business Matchmaking Event

- The Economic Development Department first annual business matchmaking event will be held in April/May 2007. (Date to be announced).
The event will match small and diversity owned businesses with federal, state and local government agencies and large corporations who have actual contract opportunities.
This event is specifically tailored to assist existing small, woman-owned or minority-owned businesses, including small manufacturers that are prepared for the challenges of doing business with government agencies and large corporations.

KEY RESULT AREA: ONE FRESNO

Airports

Adopted School's Wish List

- Airports delivered over \$200 in school supplies to KIPP Academy, fulfilling the charter school's wish list. Airports "Adopted KIPP Academy" as a 2006 Holiday community outreach project. Throughout the month of December, Airport employees collected school supplies indicated on KIPP's modest Wish List. KIPP

Academy Fresno, which stands for “Knowledge Is Power Program,” is a college-preparatory public school for over 200 children in grades 5 through 7.

Parks and Recreation

- PRCS continues to respond to the extreme cold weather and increased the warming center sites to 3 and the pick-up vans to 3 for the weekend freeze.

KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE

Parks and Recreation

Soccer Tournament

- The Regional Sports Complex was well-utilized this past weekend for the Bullard Classic Youth Soccer Tournament! More than 1530 cars passed through the gates, amounting to considerable revenue for PRCS.

Challenger Baseball

- The Challenger Basketball League kicked off this past Sunday and 23 athletes, ages 6 to 25, participated. This league serves children and adults with physical and developmental disabilities.

Planning and Development

Housing and Community Development Division

- The Housing and Community Development Division obtained Council approval to fund an affordable senior rental development in southeast Fresno. The project will consist of 65 units available to seniors with incomes at 50% of the area median income and below. The total project cost is \$11 million, of which the City will contribute \$3.9 million. The project will also be the City's first development constructed with Universal Design features

Public Utilities

Potential Utility Rate Increase

- Notifications about potential utility rate increases were mailed to property owners by the City of Fresno on January 8, 2007. Increases will affect property owners receiving water, wastewater/sewer and solid waste services from the City. Notifications also lists scheduled hearings and contact information.

Transportation/FAX

FAX Assists the Community

- On Tuesday, January 9, 2007, FAX Dispatch received a call from the Fresno Fire Department (FFD) requesting two buses to be onsite at Tulare and “M” Streets for an evacuation due to a gas leak. FAX stationed two buses on “M” Street from approximately 10:50 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to provide shelter from the cold for any evacuated employees who wished board the buses.